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12065: GDS 12/11/85 (COGN, JANE A.), NEA

TAGS: SHUM, SREF

SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAM

REFERENCE: ISLAMABAD 14056

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DURING NEW PAKISTANI EMBASSY DCM NAJMUDDIN SHAIKH'S
INTRODUCTORY CALL DECEMBER 11, NEA/PAB DIRECTOR PECK NOTED
THAT THE UNHCR PROGRAM FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES IN PAKISTAN
SEEMED TO BE GETTING OFF TO A SLOW START. AT THE SAME
TIME, HE SAID, THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES WAS RAPIDLY
INCREASING AND SEEMED LIKELY TO REACH 500,000 THIS WINTER.
THE DIMENSIONS OF THE HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM AND THE POLITICAL
AND SOCIAL DIFFICULTIES FOR PAKISTAN SEEMED TO BE GROWING
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RAPIDLY. THE USG, PECKSAID, HAS NO DESIRE TO GET OUT IN
FRONT, BUT WE WERE CONCERNED AND REMAINED PREPARED TO HELP
IN AN APPROPRIATE FASHION. WE LOOKED TO THE PAKISTAN
GOVERNMENT AND THE UNHCR TO IDENTIFY THE NEEDS AND TO
ORGANIZE AN EFFECTIVE RELIEF EFFORT.

3. SHAIKH WAS SURPRISED TO BE TOLD THAT THE RELIEF PROGRAM
SEEMED, IN OUR VIEW, TO BE MOVING SLOWLY. HE UNDERTOOK TO
SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION FROM THE MFA.

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ASKED IF THE GOP'S FOUR RUPEES A
DAY PAYMENT TO THE REFUGEES WAS CONTINUING. SHAIKH SAID HE
THOUGHT IT WAS BUT WOULD ASK. CHRISTOPHER

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